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Applicant: Shipman et al.

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For: Method and Reagents for Testing for Mutations in the BRCA1
Gene

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the continuation application filed herewith,
please make the following amendments:

In the specification:

Page 1, please amend the paragraph spanning lines 1-3 to read as follows:

This application is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 08/649,950,
filed May 14, 1996, which is a continuation-in-part of US Patent Application Serial No.
08/271,946, filed July 8, 1994, now US Patent No. 5,545,527, both of which are incorporated
herein by reference.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-52 and add claims 53-65 as follows:

53. A method for testing a sample for mutations in the BRCA1 gene
comprising the steps of